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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCT. 6, 2008**

This response includes a listing of the claims, and a section for remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time is also attached. The petition extends the period for reply to Dec. 8, 2008 (since the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> fell on a Saturday and Sunday).

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